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Bio

BIO

Dr. Ward is the Chief of the Geriatrics Section in the Department of Medicine, Division of Primary Care and Population Health at Stanford University School of Medicine, and a Clinical Professor of Medicine. In this leadership role, she supervises program leaders across outpatient, inpatient, and skilled nursing facility settings, bringing them together to provide longitudinal, coordinated care to older adults across the healthcare continuum.

Dr. Ward is a fellowship-trained geriatrician with Stanford in Palo Alto, California, and is board certified in geriatric medicine, hospice and palliative medicine, and internal medicine. Her clinical practice spans all care settings—outpatient clinics, hospitals, and skilled nursing facilities—with a focus on managing the critical transitions between them. She specializes in comprehensive care for older adults, including dementia care, palliative care, geriatric assessment, and best practices in nursing home care. Dr. Ward draws on her extensive experience to teach and implement evidence based models that support care for older adults. Dr. Ward's research interests include early detection of dementia in vulnerable populations, dementia care support programs, and geriatric assessment in diverse populations.

She has published her research in peer-reviewed journals including the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society; The American Journal of Geriatric Pharmacotherapy; The Journal of Nutrition, Health & Aging; and the Journal of Palliative Medicine. She has served as an ad hoc reviewer for several journals, including Geriatrics, and has presented posters at annual meetings of the American Geriatrics Society and the Society of General Internal Medicine.

Dr. Ward is a member of the American College of Physicians and the American Geriatrics Society.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Internal Medicine
- Geriatric Medicine

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Professor, Medicine - Primary Care and Population Health

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Best Consultant Award, Doctor's Day, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
- Arthur Cherkin Award, University of California, Los Angeles-Veterans Affairs (UCLA-VA) Geriatric Medicine Fellowship
- Faculty of the Year Award, UCLA-VA Geriatric Medicine Fellowship
- John A. Benson Jr., M.D. Humanism Award, Oregon Health & Science University Department of Medicine
- ROSE (Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence) Award, Oregon Health & Science University
- MD with Distinction in Community Service Award, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- Robert H. Felix Dean's Staff Award, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
- John A. Hartford Medical Student Geriatric Scholars Award, Saint Louis University School of Medicine and the American Federation of Aging Research

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Hospice and Palliative Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine (2012)
- Board Certification: Geriatric Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine (2002)
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine (2001)
- Fellowship: University of California, Los Angeles; UCLA Division of Geriatrics (2002) CA
- Residency: Oregon Health and Science University Internal Medicine Residency (2001) OR
- Medical Education: Saint Louis University (1998) MO

Teaching

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Geriatric Medicine (Fellowship Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **"Keep the Human Touch": Exploring Perspectives of Older Adults on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Healthcare.** *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*
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- **Methods for overcoming barriers in palliative care for ethnic/racial minorities: a systematic review.** *Palliative & supportive care*
Mayeda, D. P., Ward, K. T.
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- **Geriatric Assessment in Multicultural Immigrant Populations.** *Geriatrics (Basel, Switzerland)*
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- **A New Curriculum in Geriatrics and Transitions of Care for Vulnerable Elderly for Internal Medicine Residents**
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- **THE USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS FOR OLDER ADULTS IN UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**
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SPRINGER.2016: S435-S436
- **When Physician Family Members Are Involved in Patients' Care.** *American family physician*
Chandra, A., Bharadwaj, P., Ward, K. T.
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- **alliative Care for Dementia Patients: Practical Tips for Home Based Programs**
Bharadwaj, P., Chandra, A., Fitzgerald, G., Ward, K.
National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.
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- **Aspiration Pneumonia in the Geriatric Population** *CURRENT GERIATRICS REPORTS*
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- **Palliative sedation for a patient with terminal illness.** *American family physician*
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- **Testing the effect of specific orders to provide oral liquid nutritional supplements to nursing home residents: a quality improvement project.** *The journal of nutrition, health & aging*
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2008; 12 (9): 622-5
- **Addressing delays in medication administration for patients transferred from the hospital to the nursing home: a pilot quality improvement project.** *The American journal of geriatric pharmacotherapy*
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- **Ethical considerations of patients with pacemakers.** *American family physician*
Bharadwaj, P., Ward, K. T.
2008; 78 (3): 398-9
- **Risks of combined alcohol/medication use in older adults.** *The American journal of geriatric pharmacotherapy*
Moore, A. A., Whiteman, E. J., Ward, K. T.
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